

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 were rejected, claims 9-15 were allowed, and claims 16-20 were withdrawn. By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 5-8 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,852,923 issued to Hess (hereinafter "Hess '923"). Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the apparatus in combination with a machine tool as the Examiner has suggested. Consequently, Applicants believe that the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome. Since claims 5-8 depend on claim 1, these claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons.


Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7 were rejected under § 102(b) as being §103(a) as being unpatentable over webpage "#3956-01 Var.Speed MultiPro® Kit w/Flex-Shaft" herein referred to as "Dremel" in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,210,261 issued to Johnson (hereinafter "Johnson '261"). Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the apparatus in combination with a machine tool as the Examiner has suggested. Consequently, Applicants believe that the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome. Since claims 5-8 depend on claim 1, these claims are believed to be allowable for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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